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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON FRANCOIS GENOUD

1. FRANCOIS GENOUD IS A LAWYER AND BANKER WITH A SHADY REPUTATION AND A LONG HISTORY OF INVOLVEMENT IN PRO-NAZI AND PALESTINIAN ACTIVITIES. HIS DPOB IS 26 OCTOBER 1915 IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND. HE HAS ALSO PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR SUCH TERRORISTS AS BRUNO BREGUET AND MADELEINE KOPP. HE IS AN ASSOCIATE OF RADICAL FRENCH LAWYER JACQUES VERGES, THE DEFENSE LAWYER FOR GEORGE ABDALLAH AND KLAUS BARBIE. (GENOUD AND VERGES BOTH LIVED IN ALGIERS IN THE 1960'S.)

2. THROUGHOUT THE 1930'S GENOUD WAS A MEMBER OF VARIOUS SWISS ANTI-SEMITIC MOVEMENTS OF THE FAR RIGHT. DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR HE SIDED WITH THE NAZIS AND ACTED AS AN ABWEHR AGENT IN SWITZERLAND. DUE TO HIS NAZI CONNECTIONS, GENOUD HAS BEEN DENIED A VISITOR'S VISA TO THE U.S. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH PRESS, GENOUD'S FRIENDSHIP WITH THE GRAND MUFTI OF JERUSALEM (ALSO AN ADMIRER OF HITLER) OPENED DOORS TO HIM IN THE MIDDLE EAST. GENOUD ALSO MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH A NUMBER OF EX-GERMAN OFFICIALS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.] who!

3. IN OCTOBER 1984 GENOUD, WHO WAS THEN THE HEAD OF THE BANQUE POPULAIRE ARABE IN ALGIERS WAS ARRESTED BY ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES FOR ASSISTING MOHAMMED KHIDER IN ILLEGALLY TRANSFERRING 15 MILLION SWISS FRANCS OUT OF THE COUNTRY. HE WAS DEPORTED THE FOLLOWING YEAR. KHIDER WAS ASSASSINATED IN 1967 AND THE MONEY WAS NOT RETURNED TO ALGERIA UNTIL 1979.

4. AFTER RETURNING TO SWITZERLAND HE BECAME A LEADING FIGURE IN THE BANQUE COMMERCIALE ARABE. THE EMIR OF KUWAIT DEPOSITED 500,000 BRITISH POUNDS IN THE BANK FOR ASSISTANCE TO ORPHANS OF THE ALGERIAN WAR. THE MONEY DISAPPEARED AND GENOUD WAS ACCUSED OF DIVERTING THE FUNDS TO PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS.

5. IN 1969 GENOUD ASSISTED IN THE LEGAL DEFENSE OF THREE PALESTINIANS WHO HAD ATTACKED AN EL AL JET IN ZURICH. THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE ORGANIZED THE DEFENSE OF BRUNO BREGUET, WHO HAD BEEN SMUGGLING EXPLOSIVES INTO ISRAEL. GENOUD WAS ALSO IN CONTACT WITH PFLP LEADER GEORGE HABBASH.

6. IN THE AUGUST 3 ISSUE OF THE FRENCH PERIODICAL "LE POINT" IT WAS REPORTED THAT WAJID ((GORJI)), THE IRANIAN EMBASSY "TRANSLATOR" SOUGHT BY FRENCH ANTI-TERRORIST AUTHORITIES, FREQUENTLY TRAVELED TO GENEVA AND HAD "BUSINESS RELATIONS" WITH GENOUD WHO, IT STATED, IS KNOWN FOR HIS CONTACTS WITH THE MIDDLE EAST, HIS TRIPS TO TEHRAN AND HIS SYMPATHIES FOR NEO-NAZI CIRCLES.

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